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BOARD APPROVES \$4 MILLION FOR EAST RANCHO DOMINGUEZ LIBRARY

A new library in the unincorporated area of East Rancho Dominguez is one step closer to opening its doors and serving the public. Today the Board of Supervisors allocated \$4 million to construct a new facility on the corner of East Rose Street and South Atlantic Avenue, which will replace the existing undersized library located half a mile away on Compton Avenue.

The action taken by the Board authorizes the contractor to begin construction on the 7,200 square-foot facility, which when completed, will house a collection of 35,000 books and other materials. The library will be built using solar energy panels, which will help offset the library's annual energy cost and qualifies the County to receive an estimated one-time \$32,000 rebate from Southern California Edison through the California Solar Initiative Program. Once completed, the building will meet Leadership in Energy and Environment Design (LEED) Certification.

Aside from providing students and adults with a wealth of books, the \$7.5 million facility will create approximately 200 jobs and provide nearby residents and commuters with a community room, reading areas, a homework center, public access computers, a meeting room, group study space, and public access Wi-Fi internet connection.

"The County's investment into this library is meant to meet the needs of the community while serving as a public oasis for people of all ages," said Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas. "I look forward to walking into the brand new East Rancho Dominguez Library once it's completed."

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